



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Parks and Recreation

At its meeting held August 5, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Due to this year’s budget crisis at the County, which includes a continuing and threatened further loss of State funds, we can no longer operate the Placerita Canyon State Recreation Area for the State of California with our general fund dollars. It has been our goal to seek a creative partnership which can keep this critical natural area open for the public because the Placerita Nature Center hosts more than 40,000 visitors and 16,000 schoolchildren a year.

“The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has indicated a willingness to operate this facility within their available resources on an interim, month-to-month basis while we seek to stabilize funding sources. I fully support this partnership, which must begin September 1, 2003, when the County’s budgeted commitment to continue operation of this State recreation area expires.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Director of Parks and Recreation was instructed to:

1. Assign the County's current operation and maintenance of the State-owned Placerita Canyon State Recreation Area to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, on a month-to-month basis, effective September 1, 2003, at no cost to the County; and

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2. Take any other conforming actions necessary to transfer the interim responsibility for the State Recreation Area to the Conservancy, at no cost to the County.

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